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Performance Marketing Leader

Translating Data Analytics & Statistical Models into 3.2x ROAS
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Executive Summary

Performance Marketing Leader with 14+ years of experience accelerating growth across telecom, eCommerce, SaaS, and FinTech. Skilled in managing \$35M+ annual budgets and consistently delivering impact, including 3.2x ROAS and 35% YoY revenue growth. Specializes in advanced analytics, attribution modeling, and AI-driven optimization to scale omnichannel strategies. Passionate about driving hyper-growth for Dubai brands through data-driven decision making, cultural fluency, and strategic leadership.

Core Competencies

- **Performance Marketing Strategy:** Designing and executing high-ROI paid media campaigns (SEM, Paid Social, Programmatic, Mobile Acquisition, Omnichannel)
- **Data-Driven Analytics & Optimization:** Advanced marketing mix modeling, multi-touch attribution, causal analysis, A/B and multivariate testing to maximize conversion rates and ROAS
- **Customer Growth & Retention:** Architecting churn-prevention journeys, cross-sell/upsell strategies, and customer life cycle optimization
- **Digital Transformation & Innovation:** Integrating Al-powered segmentation, CRM enablement, and unified analytics for accelerated marketing impact
- Multicultural & International Adaptability: Leading campaigns tailored for diverse markets including French-Canadian, Chinese, and South Asian audiences; ready for Dubai's multicultural environment

Professional Experience

TELUS (2nd largest telco in Canada)

May 2025 - Present (Toronto) - Senior Manager, Digital Marketing (Contract)

- Leveraging data-driven insights and **causal analysis** to refine and optimize paid media strategies, delivering measurable improvements in campaign efficiency and incremental revenue growth.
- Developed and executed targeted media strategies that contributed to incremental revenue growth and improved **conversion rates 14%**.
- Shaped **strategy presentations with analytical storytelling,** influencing senior leadership on media investment decisions under tight budget constraints.

Bell Canada (largest telco in Canada)

May 2021 - March 2025 - Senior Manager, Digital Media

- Directed a \$35M digital marketing program amidst rapidly shifting market dynamics, successfully elevating ROAS from 2x to 3.5x and supporting a \$50M revenue boost over three years.
- Architected and executed CRM-driven churn-prevention journeys combining email, social, and programmatic retargeting, **reducing customer attrition by 12**% and preserving approximately \$6M in contract value.
- Optimized SEM & paid social tactics, fueling a 25% higher CTR and 30% higher CVR via frequent testing iterations.

- Integrated AI segmentation models, enabling precise audience targeting that lifted cross-sell and upsell conversions by 18%.
- Redesigned the media attribution framework (MTA/MMM), providing clarity on channel ROI and facilitating a 20% reallocation of budget toward top-performing channels within six months.

Dentsu — Director, Performance Marketing

Feb 2017 - May 2021

- Led omnichannel campaigns (search, social, display) that drove 35% YoY revenue growth for 10+ eCommerce brands.
- Managed \$10M+ spend, regularly averaging 320% ROAS-peaking at 450% for select campaigns.
- Scaled mobile/app user acquisition by 14% YoY through app-store optimization and in-app retargeting sequences.
- Introduced unified analytics dashboards, accelerating decision-making and lowering reporting lag by 50%.

Stratovate Group — Digital Media Manager

Dec 2015 - Dec 2016

- Reduced landing page load time by 47%, boosting form submissions by +28% within two months.
- **Built** automation flows via HubSpot, improving inbound lead conversion by **+30**% and shortening lead response time by **40**%.

Cushman & Wakefield — Associate Manager, MarCom

Jul 2013 - Jun 2015

- Oversaw CA\$45K/month AdWords investment; revamped keyword & landing page strategies-result: 78% increase in qualified lead volume.
- Deployed weekly analytics reviews, leading to iterative UX improvements and 15% lift in engagement.

Hanmer MSL — Senior Account Executive

Oct 2009 - May 2013

- Accelerated account revenue by 25% YoY, winning larger annual retainers and increasing service scope.
- Conceptualized and rolled out a multi-province real estate pitch toolkit, supporting a 30% increase in netnew client wins.

Education & Certifications

- Business Edge Leadership, Rotman School, University of Toronto | 2018
- Digital Marketing Certificate, Humber College | 2015
- BMM (Advertising), University of Mumbai | 2009
- Certifications: Al Essentials by Google | Google Ads & Analytics | HubSpot Inbound
- Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Functional)
- MarTech Tools: Google Ads, Google Analytics, DV 360, Search Ads, Trade Desk, Meta (Facebook)ads, LinkedIn Ads, Pinterest